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We ought to merely give them the authority to reduce their salaries and I defy any member of this legislature liberal or conservative and especially the conservative members of this legislature to say that it is wrong to a...a..when people want people in public office want to reduce their salaries. If you vote to kill this, you are voting to bar somebody from reducing his salary. You are voting against fiscal responsibility. You are voting against fiscal conservatism, and that doesn't add up.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson, Kime, and then Chambers.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I rise in support of Senator Snyder's motion. I am not involved in political aspects that seem to be implied here. I agree with Senator Fellman a hundred percent when he says that this legislature says that they this legislature ought to keep out of Douglas County business and that is exactly why I objected to the bill or the amendment last Thursday when it was put on Senator Kime's bill last Thursday. It seems to be a very valid argument. The issue here is not money as has been talked about 15,000 dollars, if the county board are really concerned about giving this \$15,000 back per year to Douglas County they could do that by reduction of their salaries down to about \$5,000 two years hence, and see we would get it all back. I object to the method used to get legislation through this legislature and this and other times by tacking an amendment on to an entirely, although maybe legally related bill but morally unrelated in collobering as Senator Fellman has mentioned the name of Senator Kime who has an honest and sincere bill to be put through and to use that as a vehicle to put that one through that is not so honest and sincere. I object strenuously to it. I again support Senator Snyder's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime, Chambers then Stromer.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. President, members of this body, I don't like to see this bill get killed here at this stage of the game. This bill if it doesn't go through today or tomorrow is dead anyway. It has to be expedited before the 5th or else those incumbents up there that want to go for another office will not be able to do that. The original bill gave us several small counties in out-state Nebraska the right to elect a clerk of the District Court. Incountries where the case load has become so heavy that they need this clerk of the district court. It also has this last amendment put on makes it mandatory so that any county that does not want to do that, doesn't need too. I hope that we can reject this move to bring the bill back.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I listened very closely to Senator Fellman on two unrelated issues. I don't understand how he could be so totally blind and in error on the first one and so 100% on the target on the second one. But it just shows that politics is a funny game and footballs bounce funny. I would say that in connection with this entire dispute that Senator Kime has got a bill that has gone through a great amount of torturing. First in the